

**Attachment  
SMMC Item 20  
October 20, 2008**

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## Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: September 24, 2007

From :   
Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 16: Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of SMM-0754 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design services in the upper Los Angeles River Watershed.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing an augmentation of SMM-0754 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design services in the upper Los Angeles River Watershed in the amount of \$300,000.

Legislative Authority: Section 6500 *et seq.* of the Government Code and Section 33204(a), 33204.2(a), and 33204.27(a) of the Public Resources Code.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has submitted the attached application for an augmentation to the \$200,000 Proposition 84 Project Planning and Design grant (SMM-0754) that the Conservancy approved on July 9, 2007. The application requests an additional \$450,000 to be used both within the upper Los Angeles River and coastal watershed areas of the Santa Monica Bay. That request calls for \$300,000 in the upper Los Angeles River watershed and \$150,000 in the Santa Monica Bay coastal watersheds.

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#### **Planning, Engineering, Environmental and Legal Consultants**

The third large expense category is for consultants with an estimate of \$85,000. The bulk of this consultant budget is anticipated to go to community based consultants to assist in gathering input on project preferences, needs, definition, and scope. This baseline planning and project development work will occur throughout the upper Los Angeles River watershed. Working hand in hand with the MRCA staff this effort will yield a set of projects for the Conservancy to prioritize for Proposition 84 expenditures and future funding sources. The effort will create a foundation that is critical to provide the Conservancy with viable projects to partially or fully fund. A portion of the funding will also go to pay for legal descriptions, surveys, soil testing, and potentially outside counsel to assist in any legal work. For example consultants may have to be used to complete Mitigated Negative Declarations for more complex improvement projects.

### **Remaining Costs**

The expenses in the MRCA's proposal are transportation costs, acquisition of digital aerial photography, other specialized GIS software, fees to reserve Chapter 8 Agreement parcels from auction lists, miscellaneous expenses, and \$5,000 of contingency to fill needs other portions of the budget.

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## **PROPOSITION 84 - PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN**

### **POTENTIAL PROJECT AREA LIST**

#### **TASK 1 – UPPER LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED**

##### **A. Los Angeles River Watershed, upstream of the Tujunga Wash/Los Angeles River confluence**

Incorporation of LACO Flood Control and Army Corps of Engineers right-of-way (as incrementally approved by LACO and ACOE) into greenbelt and acquisition and restoration of creek adjacent, or near adjacent, parcels from Bell and Calabasas Creek confluence to Tujunga Wash confluence

Pacoima Wash: Acquisition and restoration of wash adjacent properties in the City of San Fernando and the City of Los Angeles to the Angeles National Forest.

Hansen Dam Basin: Restoration of habitat in the basin

Incorporation of LACO Flood Control right-of-way (as incrementally approved by LACO) into greenbelt and acquisition and restoration of creek adjacent parcels, or near-adjacent, for the following tributaries of the Los Angeles River:

Bell Creek between Valley Circle Boulevard and Shoup Avenue

South Bell Creek between Royer and Fallbrook Avenues

Aliso Creek, Chatsworth Creek, Santa Susana Creek, Limekiln Creek, Calabasas Creek, and Browns Canyon Wash-south of the 118 Freeway and north of Roscoe Boulevard

Bull Creek and Woolsey Creek: Acquisition and restoration of creek adjacent properties along the creeks.

Acquire and restore open space in the following tributary watershed of the Los Angeles River between the Sepulveda Basin and the Simi Hills:

El Escorpián Canyon – between Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve and Valley Circle Boulevard

Open space and watershed acquisitions in the Limekiln and Aliso Creek drainages.

Tujunga Wash: extension of wash-adjacent restoration project and stormwater management enhancements north of Vanowen and south of Oxnard

Natoma, Ventura and Fryman Canyons - Acquire donations and dedications.

**B. Land acquisition and restoration in the following canyons and sub-areas of the Simi Hills:**

Dayton Canyon -

Woolsey Canyon - Accept dedications and acquire donations between Chatsworth Reservoir and Sage Ranch

Box Canyon - Pursuing interests in all parcels between Box Canyon and Lilac/Thompson Lanes for connection to State Historic Park

Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park - Accept donations around, and coordinate acquisitions with other entities to add to State Park holdings

Chatsworth Peak (south slope) Accept donations and coordinate acquisitions with other entities such as Rancho Simi Park and Recreation District

Devil - accept dedications and donations throughout watershed  
Analyzing numerous potential in lieu fee acquisition parcels.

Browns - accept dedications and donations throughout watershed

**C. Los Angeles River Watershed, between the Tujunga Wash/Los Angeles River confluence and the Verdugo Wash/Los Angeles River confluence**

Incorporation of LACO Flood Control and Army Corps of Engineers right-of-way (as incrementally approved by LACO and ACOE) into greenbelt and acquisition and restoration of creek adjacent, or near adjacent, parcels from Tujunga Wash confluence to Verdugo Wash confluence

Acquire and restore open space in the following tributary watersheds of the Los Angeles River interests:

- Newhall Pass - accept donations and dedications west of Interstate 5
- Newhall Pass - accept donations and dedications between Interstate 5 State Route 14
- Grapevine Canyon – secure dedications, donations, and acquire easements
- Bee Canyon- accept dedication, donations in progress, and secure additional easements

- Lopez Canyon, Kagel Canyon, Little Tujunga Canyon – process and negotiate open space acquisitions, dedications, and donations in the area between the built environment and the Angeles National Forest
- Big Tujunga Canyon – acquire private, City of Los Angeles and Department of Water and Power surplus property and City of Los Angeles entitlement dedications between the 210 Freeway and the Angeles National Forest
- Millard Canyon – acquire parcels between the Angeles National Forest and Canyon Crest Road
- Accept donation, dedications, and acquire in the eastern Verdugo Mountains both north and south of the Verdugo Mountain Open Space in the City of Glendale
- Woodland Hills- Secure interest in Girard Reservoir property, open space along SR 27, Mulholland High, dirt and paved Mulholland Drive, Caltrans Property, and Valley Circle.
- Accept donations and dedications in the eastern Verdugo Mountains both south and north of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Verdugo Mountain Open Space in the City of Glendale

La Tuna Canyon: Acquire and restore open space up stream of Sunland Boulevard including the Canyon Hills-Whitebird, Bagdesarian, and Hillview properties abutting the 210 Freeway, and the Majors property at the eastern end of the Verdugo Mountains

**D. Los Angeles River Watershed, between the Verdugo Wash/Los Angeles River confluence and the Arroyo Seco/Los Angeles River Confluence, Excluding the Arroyo Seco Watershed**

Incorporation of LACO Flood Control and Army Corps of Engineers right-of-way (as incrementally approved by LACO and ACOE) into greenbelt and acquisition and restoration of creek adjacent, or near adjacent, parcels along the main stem of the Los Angeles River

Elysian Valley: Stormwater management enhancements on existing MRCA property at Marsh Street Park.

Acquisition and development for open space for park use at the Semi Tropic Spiritualists' Tract at 2400 Alessandro Street, Los Angeles.

Hazard Park: Acquisition and restoration of open space on City of Los Angeles property and creation of habitat connection northward to the Monterey Hills and Lincoln Park



Taylor Yard River Park- (Parcel-G2): Acquire and restore open space on the G-2 parcel adjacent to the Los Angeles River to establish riparian and associated habitats, enhance wildlife connectivity and movement along the river corridor, and improve the quality of stormwater runoff.

**E. Los Angeles River Watershed, between the Arroyo Seco/Los Angeles River Confluence and Vernon Avenue, Excluding the Arroyo Seco Watershed**

*Acquisition and restoration of open spaces for an Urban Natural Habitat parks with stormwater quality improvements:*

- Downtown Area (located within 1/3 of a mile of the Los Angeles River between the 101 Freeway Bridge and the 10 Freeway Bridge)
- El Pueblo Area (located within 1/3 of a mile of the Los Angeles River between the Arroyo Seco Confluence and the 101 Freeway Bridge)
  - Albion Dairy park acquisition and development on river adjacent parcel
- South Los Angeles Area (located within 1/3 of a mile of the Los Angeles River between the 10 Freeway Bridge and Vernon Avenue)
  - Stormwater management enhancements on City of Los Angeles right-of-way, the former Sears property, and the Santa Fe Ave property between 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>
- Boyle Heights/City Heights Area (located within an area 2 miles south of the 10 Freeway and 2 miles west of the 710 Freeway)
- Lincoln Park Area (located within an area 2 miles north of the 10 Freeway and 2 miles east of the 5 Freeway)
- Vista Hermosa Area (located within an area within the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed, south of Elysian Park, and within 2 miles west of the 110 Freeway)
  - Development of the Vista Hermosa Park (currently under construction)

**F. Arroyo Seco watershed**

San Rafael Hills: Acquire and restore open space in the cities of Pasadena, Glendale and La Cañada-Flintridge at the east end of the San Rafael Hills north of the 134 Freeway

Acquire and restore open space adjacent, or near adjacent to, the Angeles National Forest, Hahamongna Watershed Park, or downstream stretches of the Arroyo Seco to the Los Angeles River confluence

Stream restoration of the North Branch and stormwater management enhancements

South Pasadena: development of the Arroyo Seco Greenway project incorporating the Arroyo Seco Golf Course and the South Pasadena woodlands preservation project.

### **G. Northeast Los Angeles Hill Systems**

Monterey Hills/Mt Olympus: Acquire and restore fee simple and conservation easement open space in the City of Los Angeles south of the 110 Freeway, and near-adjacent to Debs Park and other publicly-owned parcels including Montecito Heights.

Mount Washington: Acquire and restore open space lots and conservation easements that preserve prominent viewsheds and maintain wildlife movement between Elyria Canyon Park and Heidelberg Park

Paradise Hill: Acquire and restore open space lots and conservation easements that preserve prominent viewsheds, trail locations, watershed area and wildlife habitat.

Elephant Hill: Acquire and restore open space lots and conservation easements that preserve prominent viewsheds, trail locations, watershed area and wildlife habitat within cities of Los Angeles and South Pasadena

Ascot Hills: Acquisition, development, and restoration of open space on City of Los Angeles property and creation of habitat connection westward to the Monterey Hills

Walnut Canyon (Cazador Ridge): Acquire and restore open space lots including tax defaulted parcels to maximize habitat and views

### **H. San Rafael Hills**

Acquire and restore open space in the Cities of Pasadena, Glendale and La Canada-Flintridge at east end San Rafael Hills north of the 134 Freeway

### **I. Foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains proximate to the Angeles National Forest.**

- Acquire land and easements in Pickens Ridge Area- including Pickens and Goss Canyon.
- Verdugo Hills Golf Course: Acquire and restore open space
- Acquire interest in Alzada Canyon in Altadena

San Gabriel Mountain Foothills: Acquisitions of easements and fee simple ownership along the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains north of the 118 and 210 Freeways in Sombrero, Schoolhouse, Limekiln, Lopez, Loop Kagel, Little Tujunga, Big Tujunga, Haines Canyon Watersheds.

**J. Big Tujunga and and Millard Canyon**

Big Tujunga Canyon- acquire City of Los Angeles and Department of Water and Power surplus property and City of Los Angeles entitlement dedications between the 210 Freeway and the Angeles National Forest

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**K. Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan**

Acquisition, development, and implementation of Proposition 84 eligible projects from the Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Project List.

**L. Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan**

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#### **TASK 2 – COASTAL WATERSHEDS OF THE SANTA MONICA BAY**

**Land acquisition, trail construction and restoration in the following coastal canyon watersheds within the Santa Monica Mountains zone:**

**a. Topanga**

Acquire surplus Los Angeles County property in the Sylvia Park and Hillside Drive area

Acquire property in the Kerry Lane Area

Acquire property between Mulholland Gateway Park and Garapito Creek stream channel east of Ed Edelman Summit Valley Park

Acquire tax defaulted property throughout watershed

**b. Tuna**

Acquire property around the perimeter of Tuna Canyon Park and connecting to Las Flores Canyon

**c. Las Flores**

Acquire property to maintain a coastal slope wildlife corridor and the Coastal Slope Trail between Tuna and Las Flores Canyons

**d. Backbone Trail: Acquire donations and Offers to Dedicate.**

**e. Malibu**

Acquire property in the upper Stokes Canyon tributary, upper Cold Creek/Dark Canyon tributaries and upper La Sierra Canyon tributary, and dedications along Mulholland Highway in the Cold Creek tributary

**f. Puerco**

Acquire dedications for the Coastal Slope Trail and additions to Corral Canyon Park

**g. Corral**

Acquire property to connect Corral Canyon Park with Malibu Creek State Park and for the Coastal Slope Trail

**h. Solstice, Latigo, Escondido, and Ramirez Canyons**

Acquire property to maintain a coastal slope, east-west wildlife corridor and the Coastal Slope Trail between Solstice Canyon Park and the Zuma Canyon unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Acquire property to connect Solstice Canyon Park with Malibu Creek State Park



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i. Encinal

Acquire pending donations and offers to dedicate and tax defaulted property

j. Lechuza

Acquire donations and Offers to Dedicate

k. Los Alisos

Acquire donations and Offers to Dedicate

l. Nicholas

Acquire donations and Offers to Dedicate

m. Arroyo Sequit

Acquire donations and Offers to Dedicate

#### **Ballona Creek**

Creation of entry Parks along Ballona Creek Bike Path at intersections with existing pedestrian and bike access from Cochran Avenue to the coast.

Acquisition of available parcels adjacent to Ballona Creek and Bike Path, as well tributaries for park development between Lincoln Boulevard and Cochran Avenue.

Develop southern bank of Ballona Creek for pedestrian path from Cochran Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard.

Extension of the existing Ballona Creek bike path from National Boulevard to Cochran Avenue.

#### **Ballona Creek East**

Acquire and restore open spaces for the creation of an urban natural habitat park with stormwater quality improvements. MacArthur-Lafayette Area (portion not a part of the Upper LA River Watershed) within 2 miles south of the 101 Freeway, and within 2 miles west of the 110 Freeway

#### **Ballona Creek North**

*Land acquisition, trail construction and habitat restoration in the following coastal canyon sub watersheds:*

a. Accept donations along the Mulholland Scenic Parkway

- b. Laurel - Acquire donations, dedications, and tax defaulted parcels.
- c. Benedict - Acquire donations, dedications, and tax defaulted parcels.
- d. Beverly Glen - Acquire donations, dedications, and tax defaulted parcels
- e. San Ysidro - Acquire donations, dedications, and tax defaulted parcels
- f. Peavine - Acquire donations, dedications, and tax defaulted.
- g. Mandeville - Acquire donations, dedications, and tax defaulted.

**Acquisition and restoration in the following inland canyon tributary watersheds of Malibu Creek within the Santa Monica Mountains:**

- a. Carlisle Canyon - Acquire donations and dedication
- b. Triunfo Canyon - Acquire pending dedications and donations.
  - a. Lobo Canyon - Acquire donations and dedications
  - b. Medea Canyon - Acquire donations and dedications.
  - c. Las Virgenes Canyon - Acquire donations and dedications
  - d. Liberty Canyon - Acquire dedications and donations
  - e. Crummer Canyon - acquire dedications east of MRCA Crummer Canyon easement
  - f. Palo Comado Canyon - Accept donations and dedications from the City of Agoura Hill

**Acquisition and restoration in the Arroyo Simi watershed:**

- g. Arroyo Simi - Acquire in lieu fee riparian mitigation properties
- b. Black Canyon – Pursue and accept donations and dedications north and east of Sage Ranch

- c. Runkle Canyon - Accept pending dedications

**Land acquisition and restoration in the following canyons and sub-areas of the Montclef Ridge, Tierra Rejada and Santa Rosa Valleys:**

- a. Acquire dedications and donations in the designated greenbelt and inter-mountain range wildlife corridor area bounded by the Arroyo Simi, Olsen Road, the 23 Freeway and Madera Road
- b. Implement Reagan Legacy Trail and Wildlife Corridor program from Alamos Canyon to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.
- c. Acquire dedication, donations, and easement interests to maintain the wildlife corridor between the Wildwood Park and the area bounded by Olsen Road, Moorpark Road, the 23 Freeway and Tierra Rejada Road
- d. Acquire dedications, donations, and other land interests in the Las Posas Hills and Santa Rosa Valley in the area bounded by Moorpark Road, the Arroyo Simi, and Santa Rosa Road
- e. Acquire fee simple and easement interests, and dedications and donations in the Montclef Ridge Wildlife Corridor between the Joel McCrea Wildlife Preserve and Wildwood Park and the Arroyo Conejo

**Land acquisition and restoration in the following canyons and sub-areas of the Calleguas Creek watershed:**

- a. Arroyo Simi tributaries between Happy Camp and Alamos Canyons - accept dedications and acquire fee simple interests.
- b. Acquisition of western portion of Waste Management Land located outside Alamos Canyon drainage.
- c. Alamos - accept dedications and donations and acquire interests from Arroyo Simi to headwaters.
- d. Tapo - accept dedications and donations
- e. Chivo and Las Lajas Canyons - accept donations from small lot subdivisions
- f. Doheny Canyon: Acquire donations and Offers to Dedicate, and restoration of open space.

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**h. Calleguas Creek**

**Acquire conservation easements and donations in agricultural lands along Calleguas Creek at the eastern end of the Santa Monica Mountains to the Point Mugu Naval Air Station**

**Acquire property in the Upper Arroyo Simi in the Los Angeles County Portion of Sulfer Canyon**

**Acquire easements, fee simple interest, dedications and donations in the, Portrero Valley and Conejo Mountain**